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REF: A. BUCHAREST 1438, STATE 58588

1. SPENCER OLIVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL) WILL BE ARRIVING BUCHAREST SUNDAY, JUNE 29, BEA 732 FROM LONDON, ETA 4:00 P.M., FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LEAGUE OF COMMUNIST YOUTH RE EXCHANGES OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS. OLIVER PLANS DEPART BUCHAREST JULY ONE AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. FOR PARIS, FLIGHT NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ACYPL BOARD MEMBER, ROBERT ALLEN, PAST PRESIDENT OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS.

2. OLIVER MET JUNE 18 WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY THIRD SECRETARY PETRE ANGHEL, AT LATTER'S INVITATION (SEE CU/YSS MEMCON MAY 22, 1975) AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES FOR ACYPL YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS EXCHANGES WITH ROMANIA ALONG LINES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ACYPL PROGRAM WITH SOVIETS. ANGHEL RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY AND INVITED OLIVER TO VISIT BUCHAREST DURING HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE LATER THIS MONTH. OLIVER ASSUMES ROMANIANS WILL COVER LOCAL COST OF VISIT.

3. AS EMBASSY AWARE, CU/EE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH OLIVER PROSPECTS FOR INITIATING ACYPL PROGRAMS IN SELECTED EE COUNTRIES, AND OLIVER HAS KEPT US INFORMED OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIANS HERE. ANGHEL ALSO CALLED CU/EE AND URGED THAT WE SUPPORT OLIVER'S PROPOSAL. WE

HAVE INFORMED OLIVER THAT WE FAVOR HIS VISIT TO BUCHAREST AND, SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, WOULD BE PREPARED TO FUND AN ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF ONE FOUR-PERSON ROMANIAN AND RECIPROCAL US DELEGATION DURING FY 76, BUT THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO INITIATE AT THIS TIME BILATERAL SEMINARS SUCH AS ACYPL NOW CONDUCTS WITH SOVIETS.

4. OLIVER REQUESTS EMBASSY BRIEFING PRIOR HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIANS. WE SUGGEST EMBOFF JOIN LEAGUE OFFICIALS IN GREETING OLIVER AND ALLEN ON ARRIVAL JUNE 29 AND ARRANGE TO MEET WITH THEM EITHER THAT EVENING OR AT EMBASSY EARLY NEXT MORNING. ACYPL IS PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, ITS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES WITH WESTERN EUROPE, EAST ASIA, SOVIET UNION AND LATIN AMERICA ARE FUNDED LARGELY BY DIRECT GRANT FROM CU WITH WHOM ACYPL HAS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP. WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE ROMANIAN EXCHANGES DEVELOP ALONG SOVIET PATTERN UNDER WHICH ACYPL NEGOTIATES DIRECTLY WITH ROMANIANS IN BUCHAREST AND THROUGH ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE, BUT AT SAME TIME KEEPS DEPARTMENT AND AMERICAN EMBASSY INFORMED.

5. ANGHEL ASKED OLIVER IF ACYPL HAD WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS. OLIVER SAID THERE WAS NONE WITH SOVIETS AND HE SAW NO NEED FOR WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIANS. WHEN ASKED HOW THE TWO SIDES COMMUNICATE, OLIVER REPLIED THAT COMMUNICATIONS ARE DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE TWO PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS OR THROUGH THEIR EMBASSIES OR THE DEPARTMENT. FYI WE PREFER TO AVOID WRITTEN AGREEMENT WHICH MIGHT ESTABLISH PRECEDENT FOR OTHER ACYPL PROGRAMS IN EASTERN EUROPE. KISSINGER

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